

August 2024

Dear Friends & Family,

Hope you all are doing well! We've had a full summer starting with Claire's trip to Peru in early June. Here's a quick recap of our event-filled summer.

**Tibe** (pictured on crutches below) came over from our Ambassadors office in **Kenya** to coach at our camps on the west coast. The day before he was scheduled to fly from Cleveland to the West Coast, he tore his Achilles tendon. Plans changed quite a bit, but it gave him the opportunity to direct his first U.S. Ambassadors Camp in the Cleveland area.



In between those 2 unplanned events, a few highlights:

- The mother of the family that Tibe was staying with is a doctor. She was able to expedite appointments and get his surgery scheduled quickly.
- She also happened to tear her own Achilles 2 months ago. A scooter & crutches were in the house for Tibe to use.
- The father of that family attended an Ambassadors Soccer Camp over 20 years ago. His coach, Graham Dancy (who we worked with in Spain), led him to the Lord. Graham was in Cleveland this summer and brought his 2 sons to be coaches in the camps.
- As a result of so much care, Tibe flourished as he helped to lead the coaches & campers at a camps prior to his surgery.

We are grateful for Tibe and the other coaches from 20 countries who are serving here prior to returning to their own countries to serve. Pray for them as they make that transition.

Over 200 young adults took part as coaches in our [camps](#), coaches in our skills programs & club camps and/or players on our 4 men's and women's teams this summer. Over 2000 kids and their families are benefitted from the investment they made in their lives this summer. Many more camps will be happening across the globe in the weeks to come.



We were very excited to see **Claire and Alyssa** serve as well. You can read a copy of Claire's letter about her Peru trip that she sent to those who supported her financially (copied below).

Alyssa coached refugee kids in Pittsburgh, a camp at our home church, and then in 2 weeks a camp that serves as an outreach to Mexican families. Many of the children in Pittsburgh came from M\*slim backgrounds, which was particularly eye-opening for Alyssa.

Please keep Alyssa in prayer as she is in a walking boot because of an ankle injury.



**Braeden** got to attend one of the soccer camps where he was coached by Alyssa. He also enjoyed swimming and attending several different camps locally this summer. He continues to do neurodevelopmental delay therapy sessions on Monday afternoons (and nightly exercises throughout the week). Though there are still many challenges, he keeps making progress.

Laura and I went out to Philadelphia for Laura's 3rd round of therapy for her back & pelvis. Please keep her in prayer as 2024 has been quite challenging due to health issues.

Thanks.

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